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Nine in ten employees covered by superannuation

Nine in ten employees had superannuation provided by their current employer in August 2004, according to figures released today by the Australian Bureau of Statistics.

Three-quarters (75%) of employees were entitled to one or more types of paid leave (holiday, sick, long service or maternity/paternity) in their main job. Nine in ten people employed in the public sector had one or more leave benefits, compared to seven in ten employees in the private sector.

Other benefits received by employees included goods or services (18%), transport (13%), telephone (9%) and shares (6%).

In August 2004, the average weekly earnings for all employees was $766, an increase of 4% ($32) since August 2003.

Full-time workers who were employees in their main job earned on average $932 per week in all jobs, an increase of 3% since August 2003. Mean weekly earnings were $997 for male full-time workers and $819 for female full-time workers in August 2004.

Part-time workers who were employees in their main job earned, on average, $348 per week in all jobs in August 2004. Mean weekly earnings for male part-time workers was $317, an increase of almost 8% since August 2003, and $358 for female part-time workers, an increase of 7% since August 2003.

There were 1,842,100 employees in August 2004 who were members of a trade union in conjunction with their main job. The proportion of full-time employees who were trade union members was higher than for part-time employees (25% and 17% respectively).

Further information is in **Employee Earnings, Benefits and Trade Union Membership, 2004** (cat. no. 6310.0).

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